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THE ABOVE CUT SHOWS YOU HOW I GROW MILLIONS
OF TRUE TO NAME CHOICE STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Somerset Fruit, Seed, Poultry & Plant Farms
John W. Hall, Marion Station, Somerset Co., Md.

Being on the line of the N. Y. P. & N. R. R., I have unsurpassed facilities for prompt and safe shipments North, East, South and West. I always obtain the very lowest shipping rates for my customers.

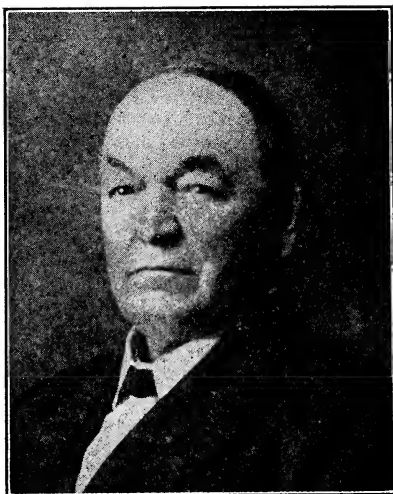
A Good Reputation

It has always been my effort to conduct my affairs along the lines of "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

I have been on the same farm, in the vicinity of Marion, Md. for over 60 years; and engaged in the plant and seed trade business since 1880.

I promise absolutely a square deal to any and all persons doing business with me. In my efforts to please, I frequently do more than duty commands.

If you doubt my responsibility or standing, I would advise any prospective patron before placing his order, accompanied with the cash that they communicate with the Postmaster of Marion Station, or the Cashier of Farmers Bank of Somerset county of Marion Station, Maryland, or any responsible business man in or around this place.



FARMERS BANK OF SOMERSET COUNTY

Marion Station, Md., January 14, 1915.

To Whom it May Concern:

We unhesitatingly recommend Mr. John W. Hall as an experienced Nurseryman, perfectly reliable, and we believe any stock purchased of him will be found as represented and true to name. Our business relations with him have been entirely satisfactory through the many years he has been dealing with us. We believe him to be an honorable man in all of his dealings. We take great pleasure in recommending him to anyone desiring to purchase SEEDS, PLANTS or POULTRY.

Very respectfully yours.

ADEN DAVIS, Jr., Cashier.

Certificate of Nursery Inspection

No. 7.

To Whom It May Concern:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on the 4th day of Sept. 1914, we examined the Nursery Stock of John W. Hall growing in his nurseries at Marion Station, County of Somerset, State of Maryland, in accordance with the law of Maryland 1898, Chapter 289, Section 58, and that said nurseries and premises are apparently free, so far as can be determined by inspection, from the San Jose Scale, Peach Yellow, Pear Blight and other dangerously injurious insect pests and plant diseases.

This Certificate is invalid after August 1st, 1915, and does not include nursery stock not grown within this State, unless such stock is previously covered by certificate and accepted by the State Entomologist and State Pathologist.

College Park, Md., Sept. 11, 1914.

Thos. B. Symons, State Entomologist
J. B. S. Norton, State Pathologist.

J. W. Hall

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Friends and Patrons, 1915



IN presenting this edition of my 1915 catalog I wish to extend my thanks and best wishes to you for past favors. I assure all customers that their orders will have my careful attention. I realize that I cannot secure your orders unless you have CONFIDENCE in me. I solicit your orders strictly on the high-grade merit, and upon my reputation for honest dealings and faithful discharge of my duty. My record of THIRTY-FIVE YEARS doing business direct with the public is certainly gratifying to me, and I know it is appreciated by my customers from the many testimonials I receive every year. Every year shows a marked increase in business. I cannot afford a dissatisfied customer as a great portion of my business comes to me through the recommendation of my customers. I enjoy the increase in business this way as it is convincing to me that I am pleasing my customers. I aim to so conduct my business that a cause for complaint cannot possibly arise, but should it occur, I ask an opportunity to rectify same. I do not allow any company or firm to treat their customers better than I do mine. I know that there are honest nurserymen but the general public does not know those that are honest or dishonest. I do not only claim to be honest and reputable, but I prove it. No man is asked to take my unsupported word for this statement. I make every customer a judge. Confidence and trust are essential. There is no way in which a prospective customer can acquire this CONFIDENCE and trust except by experience. I wish to impress upon your minds the importance of buying the best seeds and plants that can be procured, and those that are TRUE-TO-NAME. My plants are always dug from young beds that have not been allowed to fruit. I tie all plants 25 in a bundle, keep them from wind and sun and they will reach destination in first class condition and ready to grow. In digging plants the entire row is dug, the parent and all inferior plants are discarded and nothing but well rooted plants are shipped. It is poor economy to loose sight of quality and buy cheap because it is a little saved. I handle but one grade of seeds and plants, the best and highest in quality—the best is the cheapest—it costs no more to grow good stock that is TRUE-TO-NAME than it does poor and worthless stock, therefore good stock is worth many times the difference. My seeds and plants give perfect satisfaction wherever grown.

The testimonials received from my customers are very natural and highly appreciated. For the lack of space I will only print a few.

Marion Station is one of the largest shipping points of Strawberries in Maryland, and our land is ideal for growing plants as well as the fruit.

"It is a pleasure to me to send my customers my catalog from year to year.

I wish to thank each and every one of my customers for their generous patronage in the past, and hope for a continuance of same.

I wish every reader of this catalog a happy and prosperous New Year.

I remain, Yours for Prosperity,

John W. Hall, Marion Station, Md.

Please Read Carefully Before Ordering.

Terms, Etc. Payments in advance. In ordering please be sure to write name and address plainly, postoffice, county, express office, and state by what method or route you prefer having goods shipped.

Examine Carefully. Upon receipt of goods report at once should there be any cause for complaint, and we will promptly correct the error.

Order Early. Please send in orders early—the earlier the better.

Substitutes. In case I should be out of any variety ordered, patrons should state whether or not I can substitute other varieties just as good, in place of those ordered. When no instructions accompany order, I shall feel at liberty to substitute other varieties as nearly similar as possible to have equal or greater value. When parties are unknown to me, orders should be accompanied by one-fourth cash, balance when you want stock shipped. Of course, in all cases I shall do my best to please.

Our Shipping Season. We can get stock out in good time for Southern trade during the mild weather in winter; at any time as late as the 10th of May for Northern customers.

Important. I make no charge of any kind for any package delivered free on board cars at Marion. The purchaser always pays the transportation charges. If there is no regular freight agent at your station all of the charges must be prepaid before shipment. Therefore cash should be sent with the order to cover these charges.

When to Order. To make sure of getting just what you want, just as soon as you get this catalog, read it carefully, then make out your order while it is fresh on your mind and send it to me. Stock will then be reserved for you and shipped when directed. Orders acknowledged when received and forwarded as soon as weather permits. If I cannot fill your order, I will return your money promptly.

Our Western Friends. Wishing to plant my Berry Plants, need not hesitate to order because of transportation charges, because we have very low rates. I cannot give rates to all points, but they are low.

How Far Do I Ship. Just as far as I have orders to go. A certificate of inspection will be attached to every shipment.

How Best to Remit. By registered letter, bank draft, check to my order, postoffice money order on Marion Station, Md., express money order or by postage stamps (taken for fractional parts of a dollar)—one and two cent stamps preferred.

Reference. Aden Davis, Cashier of Farmers Bank of Marion Station, Somerset county, Md., Warren F. Sterling, Cashier of the Bank at Crisfield, Md., R. G. Dunn & Co.

How to Grow Strawberries

If you have not already got a Strawberry bed you should start one this spring. They are as easy to grow as corn or potatoes, the fruit delicious and healthy. They may be grown on most any soil that is adapted to ordinary farm and garden crops, land moist but not wet. If wet, well drained, ground should be well prepared. For a crop well enriched. Some good stable manure, fertilizer, or wood ashes. Plant as early in the spring as possible, as this is the best season of the year to plant, and be sure to get good strong well bred plants TRUE-TO-NAME. Keep roots from being exposed to sun or wind. Do not set plants too deep. Set them so the crowns will be even with the top of the ground. Press soil about the roots. For field culture set in rows three or three and one-half feet apart. The plants should be planted from 15 to 16 inches apart, according to habit of the variety. Shallow and frequent cultivation is the kind needed for the rapid growth of plants, it keeps grass and weeds down, also keeps soil moist and mellow. Next winter when the ground freezes cover the bed lightly with straw or leaves. This will keep the soil clean.

Description of Varieties

Bubach. Which used to be called Bubach No. 5. A well known standard variety. The berries are cox-combed. Plant is perfect, having a dark green foliage, very stout crown. A prolific grower, sets enough plants to give large size berries, season early to medium. I have the genuine stock.

Climax. A luxuriant grower, gives enormous yields of fine, firm fruit. A very popular market berry where well known. It ripens early and bears a large crop.

Brandywine. Perfect blossom, medium late. This variety thrives in almost any soil and usually gives good results. Fruit colors all over, berries large, regular of conical form, color bright glossy red, which extends to center, flesh firm, of excellent quality, very productive. It is a favorite in the South as well as in the North. An old reliable variety.

Excelsior. I have not yet found any Strawberry earlier than this one. It is self pollenizer, the berries are medium to large in size and very productive, good color, fruit firm. Taking the whole country over this has been a standard variety for a number of years and is probably as largely grown now for market as any extra early variety. It is also about the surest to bear. Very often other kinds are killed by frost.

Wm. Belt. Fruit large to very large. A bright red in color. Fine quality and productive. Planted very largely in some sections.

Pride of Somerset

It surely has the right name. Originated near Marion Station, Somerset county, Maryland, the famous berry district. The way this berry came into prominence was, the originator was the first to ship berries from this station. It is a chance seedling. In the season of 1912 when the crop of berries on most all varieties was a failure PRIDE OF SOMERSET was as fine as any one would ask for. It is a strong grower of extra large, deep rooted plants that will stand drouth. It has a long bearing stem, which is an advantage as most all early varieties bear all of their fruit very close to the ground. It is as early as Excelsior. Fruit very large and will continue to be large until last are picked. Foliage tall, light green, which has never shown any sign of rust or disease. Berries bright red, medium long and round, large green cap, very solid and will stand shipping to any distant market. I believe it to be the coming new berry. Give it a trial. My plants are fine.

Sample. The demand for this variety of plants has increased and has proven to be very popular all over the country. A strong grower with dark green leaves; a good plant maker. The berries are large, deep red color, firm for distant shipment and has a smooth glossy appearance. Imperfect blossom. It is not only one of the most beautiful late berries, but one of the largest and most prolific, uniform in size. The fruit retains their large size until the end of the season.

Tennessee Prolific. Is one of the good medium early varieties, large size and very productive. It is very vigorous, healthy, without a spot of rust. I believe it is a variety that will do well under most any circumstance. It has a strong staminate blossom, and is especially valuable as a pollinizer. This variety is largely grown in the vicinity of Norfolk, Va., one of the largest strawberry sections in the world. A good one.

Chipman. Originated in Sussex county, Delaware, by a grower of 30 years' experience in strawberry growing. The plants are strong, upright, large and healthy growers. The fruit is very large and early. Foliage tall, broad, bright, glossy green, that has never shown any sign of rust or disease. It has a strong, perfect blossom, and is a good variety to plant with pistillate varieties. It has a large green cap of even size and shape, succeeds well in light or heavy soil, and it is predicted that it will soon become one of the leading commercial varieties. This berry proved a winner again in 1914 at the Somerset Seed, Plant & Poultry Form. Notwithstanding the great drouth and hot weather in the fruiting season. This berry stood it all much better than others and produced a fine crop of large berries which sold at fancy prices. I say, plant it.

Dear Sir:

Dover, Fla., Feb. 9, 14.

The plants came through all right and in fine shape. I like your method of packing, it keeps them from heating, I have them all set out and they are looking fine.

Respectfully, D. T. Haynes.

Gandy This is one of the most reliable large late berries grown. It is an old standard variety that you can depend upon every time. The plant is a strong grower and a good plant maker. The large, handsome appearance of the fruit always command for it the highest price in market. The fruit always grows large and is one of the best shippers known. It is grown largely here and it brings the dollars. I have a large stock of A No. 1 plants.

Sons' Prolific. A new berry, originated in Missouri and is said to be a seedling of Bubach fertilized with Aroma. Introducer claims that beyond a doubt it is the greatest shipping berry. Its parentage is plainly shown in both plant and fruit. Berries are said to be a darker red than Aroma, about the same shape, but larger. I have not fruited it yet but as far as I have seen of it, the introducer has not over estimated it. I think it worthy of a trial.

Mascot. Seedling of Sharpless and Gandy plants. Healthy and strong grower and free from disease. It will bear two berries to Gandy one and is of large size. Berries dark red; season of ripening, few days earlier than Gandy, firm and a good shipper.

Superior. This berry is very popular, the plants are vigorous growers, large and healthy, with dark green foliage, perfect blossom, immensely productive of medium to large bright red berries, very firm. It ripens early and continues a long time in bearing and well on different soils.

Haverland. Has proven to be one of the most profitable mid-season varieties ever sent out. It seems to do well everywhere. I have been planting them for 20 years and they have not lost one particle of vigor. It never rusts or has other diseases. It is enormously productive, berries lie in heaps around the plants. It should be mulched as the fruit stems are not able to hold the immense load of berries from the ground. Another good point in its favor is its ability to withstand frost at blossoming time, often bearing a full crop when other varieties are badly damaged. If you are in doubt as to what to plant you will make no mistake in planting Haverland. It has an imperfect blossom, but the easiest to fertilize of any imperfect variety grown. There has been a great many mixed plants sent out for Haverland, but if you place your order with Hall you will get A No. 1 plants and true to name.

Pride of Cumberland. Large and uniform in size, resembling the Gandy. Compared with the Gandy, it is a week or more earlier in ripening, of the same large cap and deep red color that makes it very showy in appearance and unexcelled for shipping.

Dear Sir:

Wrightsville, Pa., April 25, 14.

I received my order of Strawberry plants on April 23d and set them yesterday and they were in fine condition. They are very nice healthy plants and next spring I will favor you with another order. Thank you very much for being so prompt in sending my order of 8000.

Yours truly, Samuel H. Leibbart.

Superb (Fall-bearer). It is superb indeed, and considered the best of all the fall-bearing varieties. Plants set in early spring will produce fruit in the fall of the same year. The Strawberry grower need never fear the late spring frost with this new variety. When planted in early spring with blossoms kept off until mid-summer or until about four weeks before you want ripe fruit, you can get a crop the same year. The following spring you will get a full crop the same as you would any other variety, then another crop in the fall. The old varieties of the fall-bearing varieties have been poor plant makers. Superb will make as fine a bed of plants as most of the old standard varieties, such as Haverland and Sample. One of the greatest uses for the fall-bearing strawberry is for the home garden as it is possible to have ripe berries every day from the time the first ripe berries come in the spring until they are cut off in the fall by the frost.

Progressive (Fall-bearing). Introduced by Harlow Rockhill of Iowa. Is a cross between Senator Dunlap and Pan American. The plants and fruit closely resemble the Dunlap in appearance and plant growth. The plants produce more runners than any other fall bearing variety. The berries are just about the size of Dunlap, very productive. The blossoms should be kept off until mid-summer.

Early Ozark. Originated in Missouri. My plants came from the originator in the spring of 1909. A cross between Aroma and Excelsior. This was in great demand last spring. After fruiting this variety on what few plants we had left were well pleased with it as an early variety. The foliage is very thick, dark green without a spot of rust or blight, exceedingly productive. Blossoms are large and rich in pollen, fruit firm, early as Excelsior or Michael's Early, in size it is the largest extra early variety grown. Fifteen berries filled a quart rounding full. My stock of plants are fine. To be sure of getting plants of this wonderful early berry let me have your order early.

Stevens' Late Champion. Extra late, of the Gandy type and more productive. The berries are large and a little rough in shape. It is popular in many places.

Klondyke. Of Southern origin. One of the few great standard varieties. Productive, firm, brilliantly colored. Famous on all markets as a shipper and seller. This variety is so firm that it classes as a re-shipper. It is firm enough to distribute from large markets to small ones and it commands top prices. The Klondyke has been quite extensively planted the past few years.

Dear Sir:

Rising Sun, May 12, 14.

Received the plants on the 6th in fine shape. Thanks for your promptness.

Yours truly,

Chas. F. Orr.

Dear Sir:

Roslyn, N. Y., Dec. 5, 14.

As soon as you have your 1915 catalog ready, send it to me also send me one of your old ones at once as I want to read it. The Early Ozark plants from you did a great deal better than those taken from my own bed.

Yours respectfully,

Silas L. Albertson.

New York. It is so popular that it has several different names as agreed by nurserymen, viz: Ryckman, Uncle Jim, Oswego, Corsican, Maximus, Wonder, Dornan, Dollar, Pride of Michigan, Armstrong and Morgan's Favorite. It produces an abundance of large and vigorous plants, deep rooted, with glossy foliage, and very productive. Fruit large and always brings a fancy price. Color blood red, with a bright surface. It is strictly fancy and a prize winner and has produced 15 berries that filled a quart under ordinary culture. Season of ripening, mid-season.

Chesapeake. It has been tested all over the country, and is very popular. Plants vigorous, do not rust. Foliage is thick and leathery, upright leaf stems, with leaves almost round. The fruit is borne on large stems, the greater portion standing upright, holding the fruit from the ground. It bears more fruit to the single stem than any other variety I know. Blossom is perfect, fruit uniformly large, averaging more than Gandy and more productive; firmer and better quality, without the green tips, it colors all over at once. Season of ripening same as Gandy. I sold all the plants I had last season and could have sold as many more. I have a large stock this season.

Fendall. Originated by Chas. E. Fendall, Baltimore county, Maryland. Plant strong, vigorous and healthy; foliage a beautiful light green. It has never shown the slightest blemish in any respect; berries very large and of fine flavor. It is very productive; berries lay in piles around plant; good plant maker. The berries are beauties—rich in color, smooth and glossy, with long stems and a large showy cap. In 1906 it yielded at the rate of 16,800 quarts per acre. Give it a trial.

Senator Dunlap. I have fruited this variety for several years. It has proven to be one of the best grown. Some varieties may surpass it in some respects, but as an all-around berry it has few equals. The berry is adapted to all sections, as it seems to do well everywhere—more so than any other variety. Plants medium in size. A severe drouth seems to affect it much less than other standard varieties. It has a perfect blossom, rich with pollen, to plant with pistillate kinds. Enormously productive. Fruit medium to large, uniform in size, conical shape, a bright glossy red. The meat is a bright red all through, of excellent quality and a good shipper.

Sharpless. Too well known to need any description, except as to its excellency as a table berry.

Clyde. A very large, most wonderfully prolific Strawberry, yields great crops of berries, slightly light in color foliage sometimes insufficient to protect the berries from the sun, needs good rich soil, does best on moist soil.

Dear Sir:

Christiana, Pa., May 23, 14.

The Strawberry plants received. I am surely pleased with them, they are in nice condition. Am sure I will give you my orders for same hereafter. Thank you very much for your promptness. I will recommend you to others to deal with you whenever I get the chance.

Yours truly, John K. Ranck.

Lady Corneille. This new Strawberry hails from Louisiana and is destined to become the leading Southern Strawberry and is claimed to be better than the Klondyke which is saying a great deal. The Klondyke for a long time was the leading Southern berry but as soon as the growers become acquainted with the Lady Corneille they will plant it as it is much more productive than the Klondyke and the berry and plant are ideal in every way. The fruit begins to ripen with the Klondyke but continues in bearing longer. The berries are large, rich glossy red, slightly long, uniform in size and shape, with bright golden seeds which add to their beauty. Quality of the best, having the true Strawberry flavor, rich, sweet and delicious, the berries are very firm and one of the best shippers known. This one quality alone would make it a very valuable berry for the grower a long distance from market. The Lady Corneille has the size, color, shape, appearance, firmness and productiveness which we have all been wanting in an early berry.

Uncle Jim. The plants of this variety are very large, vigorous and healthy. They mature all their fruit which is of very large size; firm deep red and of the best flavor.

Parsons' Beauty. One that may be depended upon to produce a large crop of fruit every season. The plants are splendid growers on any soil and without a sign of disease. The fruit is large, conical, uniform shape, dark red and fair quality. Largely planted by commercial grovers on account of its vigor and productiveness.

Heritage. Originated in New Jersey and is popular with commercial growers. It does not make as many plants as some varieties but they are extra large with tall, green foliage and succeed on any soil. It ripens medium early and is very productive; large, of even size and shape; color a beautiful crimson and of fine quality. Give it a trial, my plants are fine.

Helen Davis. Fruited here last season and it gave us a good crop of large dark-red berries of excellent quality. It has been thoroughly tested on all kinds of soil for several seasons and has never failed to produce a large crop of extra large berries when other well-known varieties were almost an entire failure. It is not easily killed by frost and the fruit is produced in clusters on large, strong, fruit stalks, is perfectly formed, of large size, red to the center and of a dighly delicious flavor unknown to any other variety. I advise giving this a trial as I think it will please most growers.

Gibson. A very productive mid-season variety from Michigan. The plant is a dark green and the berries are dark red. A good one, try it.

Michel's Early. Extra bright scarlet, conical—an old and popular variety and an excellent table berry of good flavor. Those who have a garden and want a few for eating purposes will do well to try it.

Success. One of the best and most popular of the midseason varieties. A good one.

Aroma. A late variety similar to the well known Gandy in many respects. Fruit very large and roundish, rarely mis-shaped. Color, deep glossy red, firm and one of the leading market varieties as a long distance shipper, excellent quality. Its greatest popularity is in the middle west.

Joe Johnson or Big Joe. This new berry was originated in Wicomico county, Md. about 4 years ago and has been well tested. It ripens about the same time as Chesapeake. It is very productive of very large berries, color a beautiful red with a bright green calyx which adds greatly to its beauty and market value. Flavor is of the best, a perfect table and canning berry and one of the very best shippers. Perfect flower and is a strong pollenizer. It is a wonderful producer of large handsome berries that brings top prices in any market. Try it.

McAlpine. This new variety was originated in New Jersey. One of the largest growers in that section was visited last spring during the fruiting season, it was found producing one of the finest crops of berries ever seen. The berries are a beautiful scarlet in color, very large and fine in quality which bring top prices in market. W. O. & H. W. Davis commission merchants of New York city say they think this the finest berry they have seen for a good many years. The trade is carried away with it. This is the third year this berry has fruited and we think it is far superior to any berry we have ever sold. It is large in size, a heavy yielder and holds up in size until the very last picking. Try it.

✓ **Ewell's Early.** This berry was originated by Mr. Ewell of Accomac county, Va., and has been grown by him for several years. It boomed itself as the originator was the first one to ship berries from this section. Then the berry growers began to inquire of him why he shipped so early, and it was then he told of his exceedingly early berry. The more information they got the more anxious they became to plant it. The past season was unfavorable for a crop, owing to the extreme drouth, but the "Ewell's Early" produced a heavy and paying crop—blossoms perfect. It does not begin to bloom as early as some of the very early varieties, but grows very quick; and every blossom seems to mature a berry that is as early as Excelsior, more uniform in size, a good shipper, color a bright glossy red, a tremendous cropper, plants strong, healthy growers, with clean healthy foliage, which is free from all diseases. A good plant maker. Try it.

Missionary. Hailed from the South. Plants vigorous, healthy and strong grower and a great plant maker. Plants medium large, berries large, and hold their size well through the season. Is early, but not quite as early as Excelsior and Hoffman. It is an enormous bearer, firm and a good shipper. It is extensively planted here for market.

Three W's. This berry is a chance seedling, and possesses many points of excellence. The foliage is beautiful, clean and healthy, dark green in color and very attractive. Fruit large, glossy red, and firm, of good quality and very productive; covers a long season—from medium to late. At the St. Louis World's Fair it won the highest prize, and had a record of keeping ten days. My plants are very strong and healthy.

Price List Strawberry Plants

		By Mail Postpaid		By Express Collect	
EXTRA EARLY 12		50	100	100	1000
Per	Pride of Somerset	\$1 50		\$1 25	\$8 00
Per	Lady Corneille	1 00		90	6 00
Per	Ewell's Early	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Early Ozark	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Excelsior	50	50	40	2 50
Per	Missionary	50	50	40	2 50
Per	Oaks Early	50	50	40	2 50
Per	Climax	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Chipman	50	50	40	2 75
Per	Michels Early	40	40	30	2 50
EARLY					
Per	Maples Early	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Klondyke	50	50	40	2 50
Per	Senator Dunlap	50	50	40	3 00
Imp	Warfield	50	50	40	2 50
Per	Helen Davis	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Superior	50	50	40	2 75
MEDIUM					
Imp	Haverland	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Glen Mary	60	60	50	3 50
Per	Wm. Belt	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Parsons Beauty	60	60	50	2 75
Per	New York	60	60	60	3 00
Per	Uncle Jim	60	60	50	3 00
Per	RYCKMAN	60	60	50	3 00
Imp	Bubach	60	60	50	4 00
Imp	Fendall	60	60	50	3 00
Per	SHARPLESS	60	60	50	4 00
Per	Three W's	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Bethel	60	60	50	3 00
Imp	Sample	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Nick Ohmer	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Brandywine	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Gibson	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Heritage	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Abington	60	60	40	3 00
Per	Clyde	75	75	60	3 00
Per	Success	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Wilson	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Tennessee Prolific	50	50	40	2 50
LATE					
Per	Pride of Cumberland	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Aroma	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Stevens Late Champion	60	60	50	2 75
Per	Joe Johnson	75	75	60	4 00
Per	Son's Prolific	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Restawico	60	60	50	4 00
VERY LATE					
Per	McAlpine	1 00	1 00	85	6 00
Per	Gandy	50	50	40	2 75
Per	Chesapeake	75	75	60	4 00
Per	Mascot	60	60	50	3 00
Per	Hanback's Beauty	60	60	60	3 00
FALL BEARING					
Per	Superb	50	1 00	2 00	1 75
Per	Progressive	50	1 00	2 25	2 00
					12 50

Read Carefully. Plants ordered early can in most cases go by freight, which is a saving in expense. If the ground is not in a condition to plant when plants arrive, take each variety separate, open a shallow furrow, cut the strings that bind the bunches and spread plants very thinly along the side and bury the plants in moist soil deep enough to cover roots well, but not the crowns. Keep soil moist and in a few days there will start little white fibrous roots. They will then be in first-class condition to set out.

Express.—This is the common way to ship plants. There is no delay as by freight. Plants go at 20 per cent. discount by express and sometimes can secure better rates.

Safe Arrival of all plants sent by express or mail is guaranteed; by freight at purchaser's risk.

Nurserymen and Dealers wanting 5,000 to 100,000 strawberry plants write for special prices. Please do not write for lower prices on 1,000 to 2,000 plants.

My System of packing is unexcelled. I make packages as light as possible to insure safe delivery. They are packed in light baskets or boxes. I spare no pains to save our customers every cent possible in transportation. I use plenty of moss of the finest grade for safe arrival.

Guarantee. All plants to be true to name. I will replace, free of charge any plants found otherwise, but in no case will I be responsible for damages beyond the first cost of plants. Millions of choice plants that will grow

Good Pure Bred Seed Corn Direct from Grower to Planter

I have been growing and selling seed corn for years. My seed gives satisfaction wherever grown. This is one of the best sections for growing seed corn, season long and has plenty of time to mature.

I make growing corn for seed, one of my specialties. I fully realize the importance of growing it to insure a perfect and even stand.

First of all my crop is allowed to stand in the field, on the stalks until it is ready to be stored. In order that it may have full benefit of wind and sun which is desirably the best method of curing it. When thoroughly cured it is then husked by hand, sorted and stored for the winter. Under this process it is in the best possible condition for spring planting.

When the time comes for shipping seed it is again carefully selected, sorted, examined as to vitality, butt and tip ends are taken off before shelling and graded.

We hire all our seed corn shelled by hand. I have found this to be the very best way to have the best seed corn.

The fall here was ideal for maturing corn and I never had better matured seed to send out to my customers. I never have a single complaint of my seed corn not failing to germinate and make good stands. I am very careful not to send out seed that will not **germinate** 98 per cent and very often more. You should get good seed from a section that was favorable to maturing as this will always insure good stands.

Getting pure seed of a superior quality, possesses a vitality that produces a strong vigorous growth and will produce from 20 to 30 bushels more per acre than seed of poor quality.

My seed corn is carefully selected in the field with a view of constantly improving the different breeds, in which I succeeded admirably well. The difference between the yield of the past and present is remarkable.

During the past seven years more than 10,000 fields of growing corn have been examined and in no year has the average exceeded 72% of a perfect stand. It has been as low as 64%. The average has been 67% or 68% of a stand. Look at the time lost plowing and cultivating land that produces nothing.

Of the many causes contributing to a poor stand, poor seed is the greatest cause after all.

The cost of a few choice seed is nothing to be compared with the extra yield you will get. The increased yield of **one bushel per acre will pay for the seed.** We select our seed corn in the field from the very best developed ears.

One bushel of seed will plant from 5 to 6 acres. Our crop was large and fine in quality. All seed corn sold by us is guaranteed to show a germination test of 98%, and to be as represented. If not satisfactory when received it can be returned at once at my expense and money paid for it will be returned, otherwise it will be mutually considered between buyer and seller that goods are satisfactory.

Seed Corn on Ears can be furnished if wanted, price on application.

Five Years Test of Hall's Maryland Twin Corn

When I first purchased this wonderful corn it was said to yield 125 bushels of shelled corn per acre. While I have not as yet been able to get quite that yield I am confident it can be done as it is a wonderful producer of both grain and forage. In 1910 it produced 110 bushels per acre; in 1911, 96 bushels per acre, and it was a very dry year; in 1912, 112 3-8 bushels per acre; in 1913 the yield was at the rate of 100 bushels per acre; in 1914 the yield 75 bushels per acre.

All the above yields were made without manure or fertilizer.

I fully expected to realize my ambition in 1914 by getting 125 bushels per acre, but, instead I got the poorest yield of any year since I have been planting this wonderful corn owing to weather conditions. First, I was prevented by the unfavorable weather. I did not get it planted as early as I should. It is a long season corn and should be planted early. Second, 1914 was really the most unfavorable season since I have been planting this corn; just at the time this corn needed moisture the most, to fill out the ears we had the hottest and dryest weather of the season. The weather conditions for growing a large crop of corn was very unfavorable especially with late corn. The season was very dry and hot with very little moisture, this naturally gave cause for the poor yield. All varieties of corn that were planted early, in this section the past year made much larger yields than those planted late. The farmers that succeeded in getting from 25 to 35 bushels of shelled corn per acre were those that planted early. Medium and late crops produced from 15 to 20 bushels per acre, so you can see that 75 bushels of this wonderful variety is indeed wonderful and it surely is attributed to the merits of this one variety.

The foliage is abundant, leaves thick, broad and long; makes more fodder by one third, of the finest quality than any other variety of corn I have yet seen. UNEXCELLED FOR ENSILAGE. It grows from 10 to 12 feet high and has from 2 to 4 ears on a single stalk. Ears from 7 to 11 inches long. The kernels are a nice even size, medium hard, good keeper, an excellent corn for milling, the meal from this corn being of the very finest quality and unexcelled for making corn flakes of any kind. The corn shells much better than any other variety of corn. The ears have 12 to 18 rows of deep kernels around a small white cob, compact and solid, very little air space, grains filled well out to the end of the cob. It will grow well on light or heavy soil. Stalks strong and will mature in 110 to 115 days.

I have been carefully selecting my seed corn in the field before it is gathered ever since I have been growing the Maryland Twin and I have been astonished at the wonderful improvement this corn has made. The ears run a third longer than when I first got it. It was a little mixed when I got it, with

a very small ear that was wonderfully prolific. By carefully selecting the seed I have eliminated this. Anyone purchasing seed of me in the future will find that I have a much finer breed than I have ever had before. This is the most beautiful white corn that I ever saw, with a good per cent of the ears 10 inches long. The corn does well South, East and West. I now have the finest lot of seed corn that I have ever had of this variety. The demand is going to be very heavy again this season from the way the inquiries and orders are coming in. To be sure of getting some of this seed corn this spring, you had better send in your order at once.

PRICE:—40c per quart, postpaid; by express or freight, 25c per quart, \$1.00 per peck, \$1.50 per one half bushel, \$2.50 per bushel, \$4.50 for 2 bushels. Sacks free.

Hastings Prolific

It is prolific, fine quality, a wonderful producer of grain and forage. It holds the Georgia record of 214 bushels of corn on an acre; Mississippi record 225 bushels per acre; Arkansas record 230 1-2 bushels; Florida record 129 1-2 bushels. These records were government reports on the boys contest. Ears plentiful, good size, averaging 16 to 18 rows of deep grains closely set on a small white cob, grains hard, and a good keeper. As a bread corn it has no superior. As a roasting ear corn it is splendid. It matures in about 110 days. Sixty-five pounds on the ear shells one bushel of 56 pounds. I purchased some of the seed of this wonderful variety, in the spring of 1913 direct from the originator. With a very unfavorable season, I had a fine crop, without fertilizer or manure of any kind. Try it.

Price by express or freight: Peck, 75c; Half-bushel, \$1.50; Bushel, \$2.50; 2 bushels, \$4.50. Sacks free.

Improved Farmers' Favorite Golden Dent. Light golden color and is the finest variety of yellow corn we have ever grown or seen. The cob carries a large amount of corn, the butts and tips are practically well covered with long broad grains, grows very rapid and makes excellent ensilage. The ears are from 8 to 11 inches long, with 16 to 20 rows. The ears are large, the grain deep and broad. Cob red, medium size, ears are well set, 3 to 3 1-2 feet above ground. By careful selection we have bred out the barren stalk and a large percentage of the stalks have 2 ears. This corn, with a favorable season and soil, you may expect 80 to 100 bushels of shelled corn per acre. It will not only grow on good soil, but produce a good crop on medium soil. I sold all the seed I had of this variety last season and every customer was satisfied. Don't hesitate to send us your orders, for the more you plant of this variety the better you will like it. Matures in 85 to 90 days. Peck, 75c; bushel, \$2.50; 2 bushels, \$4.50. Sacks free.

Dear Sir:

Hague, Va., Dec., 21, 14.

We had a drough here this year so bad and distressing that no one made one half of a crop of corn. The roots of the corn were never wet. I planted 12 acres in ycur corn and was very much pleased. While the dry weather was cruel I made 60 barrels. The growth was wonderful and a large yield af wonderful fodder. I want more next spring.

Very truly yours. Jchn L. Beale.

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Collier's Excelsior White Corn. Introducer says: "It is uniformly and exceptionally large ear. The kernels are deep and cob proportionately small, ears run from 18 to 20 rows, compact and solid, the rows are straight and air spaces. The ears taper but slightly, holding its size from base to tip. The ears are properly set from three to four feet above the ground." Prof. Tallaferro, Agriculturist of Maryland Agricultural College, remarked after inspecting a field of Excelsior, just at maturity: "The growth of corn is as near perfect as I have ever seen." He further states that he failed to find a single barren stalk. It is high in protein. Government experts have visited my farm and pronounced the Excelsior superior to any inspected in the state of Maryland. Greatly superior yield over best native. It has never failed to take first prize whenever exhibited. I purchased my seed direct from Mr. Collier, the originator. It has a growing season of about 110 days. It produced 80 bushels of shelled corn per acre this season. Price: Peck, 80c; Bushel, \$2.50.

I have printed full instructions concerning my methods of growing large crops of corn. It will be sent with every purchase of seed corn from me. If wanted advise.

Dear Sir:

Sellman, Md., Jan. 6, 14.

Replying to your letter, will say, that the corn made such a prodigious growth that we made ensilage of it. We had planted a field of 32 acres in ensilage adjoining the 8 acres on which your seed was planted. We had 2 silos 16 x 36 feet. The 23 acre field filled one silo and about 1-5 of the other, and the 8 acres of your corn filled the other 4-5, which must have been at the rate of 15 tons to the acre, perhaps 18 tons, while the 23 acre field was at the rate of 7 1-2 tons. This year we will plant your corn for all purposes, hoping, with a good season to fill both silos from 20 acres, and from another field of 40 acres we will try to harvest 4,000 bushels of shelled corn. The land has been in grain for five years, was spread from barnyard before plowing and a good sod was turned under last month. Send catalog and same seed for 50 acres.

Very truly, Chambers & Son.

The corn referred to above was the Maryland Twin. They used 2 1-2 bushels.

Dear Sir:

Brooklyn, A. A. County, Md., Jan. 12, 14.

In order to let you know at this writing what I want for the coming season. Last season was a very dry one, in this part of the country and corn could not do as it might have. I am satisfied well enough to plant the varieties this year. You can mark me down for 1 bushel of Maryland Twin and 1 bushel of Farmers Favorite Golden Dent. I am going to plant some of the seed from what I planted from the seed I raised from your seed of last year. Your seed made better returns in both corn and fodder than any other variety that I planted last season, and I am going to give it a larger test this year. You can send a catalog for this year.

Yours respectfully, R. M. Thomas

Dear Sir:

Easton, Md., May 1, 14.

You will find check for \$3.00 for which you will please ship me two more settings of Ringlet Barred Rock eggs.

Yours truly, I. Price Mullikin.

PLEASE USE THIS SHEET IN ORDERING
JOHN W. HALL, - MARION STATION, MD.
Seeds, Plants and Poultry

Please forward to _____ R.F.D.No. _____

Post Office _____ P.O.Box _____

County _____ Street _____

State _____ Freight Station _____

Express Office _____

Ship by _____ On or about _____ 191 _____

Date of this order _____ 191 _____

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Asparagus Roots

Have a nice stock of plants that will be strong rooted.

Conover's Colossal. Large, rapid growth, productive and of very fine quality.

One year—100, 50 cents; 1000, \$2.75. Two year—100, .75; 1000, \$3.50.

Palmetto. Of Southern origin; a variety of excellent quality, hardy, very large. All who have used it pronounce it very fine.

One year—100, 50 cents; 1000, \$2.75. Two year—100, .75; 1000, \$3.50.

Giant Argenteuil. This variety is largely grown in France, and has become adapted to our soil and climate, is noted for its earliness, productiveness and immense size of stalks. Remarkably healthy.

One year—100, 75 cents; 1000, \$3.00. Two year—100, .85; 1000, \$4.50.

Barr's Mammoth. Early and very large; makes a rapid growth. A general favorite.

One year—100, 50 cents; 1000, \$2.75. Two year—100, .85; 1000, \$3.50.

My plants are extra large. Samples will be sent if requested.

Prices on application for smaller or larger lots than quoted above.

Giant Himalaya Berry

I have seen several articles in print about this berry. It is seldom that I hear a good word for it, as nearly everyone condemns it. I saw an article in the December 6th issue of the Progressive Farmer under Prof. W. F. Massey's writings. He says that W. F. Allen says it is worthless. From the best information that I can get there are several types of this wonderful berry and there is only one that is worth planting. I was fortunate to get the best of them all. If people, who are condemning this berry could have seen them as they were with me the past season in bearing on two-year vines, and tasted the rich juicy fruit that these vines produced they would not condemn this wonderful berry any longer. It bears in clusters. Berries, meaty, sweet with almost no core, they are good keepers. It is a heavy producer. It ripens in August and has a long season. We picked 72 quarts from 5 plants at one picking in the summer of 1913.

Its growth is like a grape vine, makes a growth of 25 feet in one year, and should be trained to a trellis. It looks handsome on an arbor, a beautiful sight when in bloom. Price of strong, well-rooted plants: 30c each, 3 for 60c, 6 for \$1.00.

Thoroughbred Poultry On The Farm

The most popular general purpose fowl is the Plymouth Rock. This breed keeps its good qualities under all conditions and surroundings. They seldom disappoint in generous egg production. There is not a breed in the American class that is more popular. The Perdue Agricultural Experiment Station of Indiana has published in a circular, No. 40, interesting information in regard to poultry raising in which various questions were asked, over 700 farmers replied. Plymouth Rocks predominated by a large majority. A flock of chickens on the farm that are all one color and shape surely presents a better appearance than a flock of a dozen colors. I firmly believe it will pay every farmer to keep only pure bred poultry. I agree to ship you nice fertile eggs from the breeds that I sell, which will hatch if properly handled, regardless of distance. I deliver to the express company's office free of charge in good condition. I cannot guarantee any per cent to hatch but I am just as anxious that you secure a good hatch as you are to obtain good results from my eggs and if you do not get a satisfactory hatch, on proof I will duplicate your order at half price.

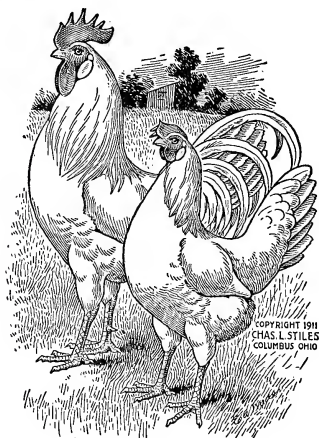
The narrow and straightness of the barring across their feathers is of great importance. When we get this we are approaching the ideal, more and more. I have this object in view, my birds are mated for this particular feature. I have devoted my time and attention to **Hall's Superb Ringlet Barred Rocks** for the past 16 years, systematically line breeding with one object—to make them equal to the best, which is acknowledged by all.

This breed gives the sweetest and most delicious meat. They are in constant demand for show birds. When you buy breeding stock you want something that you can depend upon, to start with. The best—Hall's Barred Rocks will fill the bill.

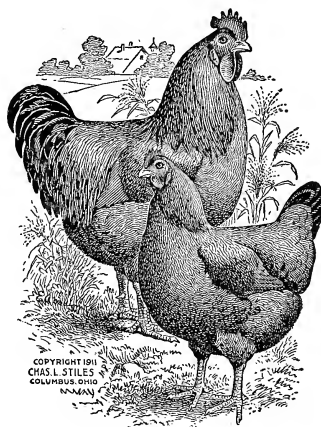
A number of breeders have several different pens. I can give you just as good stock from my 60 acre free range. I sold all the birds I had to spare in 1914 and they were sold on a guarantee—**If not satisfactory money would be refunded, less express charges, and not a single bird was returned.** I also sold a large quantity of eggs for hatching and only had one order to duplicate. **I defy** any breeder to show better results. My system of packing is ideal and nothing but choice eggs sent out. The above guarantee still holds good.

I have discarded the incubator, and hatch and rear all of my birds with the hens, for I have found the chickens to be stronger and healthier, by so doing. I want your orders. Remember, your absolute satisfaction means my success.

Choice Birds for sale. Write for prices.



S. C. White Leghorns



S. C. Rhode Island Reds

I keep only one breed on my home farm and that is from the Thompson famous strain of Ringlet Barred Rocks. I have been raising them exclusively for the past 16 years. The other breeds herein described are on separate farm, White Leghorns and Rhode Island Reds. These strains have been bred for heavy laying in the cold winter months when eggs are highest. No baby chicks for sale this spring.

Single C. White Leghorns. This breed is positively the most popular of the special egg producers. The stock I offer is from the best noted strain. Selected Eggs, \$1.50 per 15; \$2.50 per 30; \$6.00 per 100.

Single C. Rhode Island Reds. Hardy and vigorous, they mature quick, good winter layers, and healthy. This is distinctly an American utility breed. Stock and eggs from the best blood. Selected Eggs, \$2.00 per 15; \$3.00 per 30; \$7.00 per 100.

State in your inquiry as near as you can your wants. Exhibition or Utility Birds.

Dear Sir:

Felton, Del., Dec. 8, 14.

I will say that the Ringlet Barred Rock cockerel purchased of you last spring proved to be a fine bird.

Yours respectfully, Mrs. Walter Jester.

Dear Sir:

Smyrna, Del., May 30, 14.

The 100 Ringlet Barred Rock eggs you shipped me the 21st of April. I hatched 81 nice healthy chickens.

Yours truly, J. D. Reynolds.

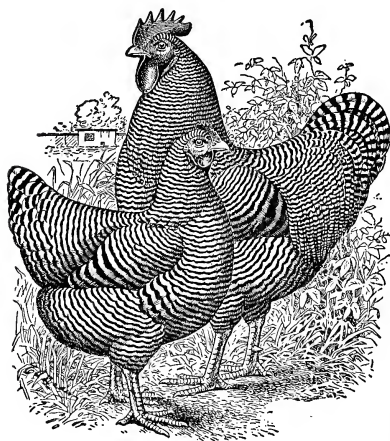
Dear Sir:

Coan, Va., Jan. 30, 15.

The 50 Ringlet Barred Rock eggs you sent me last spring were nearly all fertile, but one of the hens was restless and broke some of the eggs. I had 35 to hatch. I think there were more roosters than pullets. I have very fine roosters, they show the Ringlet strain all right. I was after getting new blood into my flock of Barred Rocks, and the roosters are well worth what I spent for the eggs.

Respectfully yours, T. H. Hall.

Hall's Superb Ringlet Barred Plymouth Rocks



From exhibition stock. I have exhibited different times at the Pocomoke City shows, and have always captured first prize. Barred Plymouth Rocks are my specialty. My birds show careful breeding and true to type of Ringlet ancestors. They are good enough to show anywhere. I improve my stock from year to year from the best blood lines of Ringlet Barred Rocks, to keep up vigor. You need new blood just such as I can furnish you to strengthen and build up your flock. My birds are heavy layers with years of careful breeding back of them. They have perfect health, shape and color. My customers testify to the high quality of my birds. They are the kind that put money in your pockets. My

mateings this year are the best that I have ever had. I will put them together and compare them with the best in the land. You cannot get better stock than I will furnish you for double the price I charge. It is a real pleasure for me to be among my birds. No other breed so large and handsome nor easier to rear, will lay all the year along if given the proper care and attention. They are more profitable as a market breed than any other and as a table fowl they are unexcelled. They thrive anywhere and make plump bodies in 8 or 10 weeks. My birds have conditional vigor, health and stamina. My motto: "First Quality then Quantity." One special feature of Hall's Ringlet Barred Rocks is the regular Ringlet barring, clean and distinct to the skin, which is so much admired. I breed for shape and size as well as color and barring by keeping the one breed, they have full range on the farm, therefore they are vigorous and healthy. While show birds have been my first consideration, breeding utility qualities have not been neglected. They are excellent layers of rich large eggs. My birds are shaped well, with good length of back, breast deep, forms compact combs small and finely set, legs of a bright yellow. At maturity the cockerels weigh from 9 to 11 pounds, hens from 7 to 8 pounds. I get rid of the undesirable specimens and breed only from the birds that approach the standard of perfection. I have secured a fine type, large size and display of vigor, sometimes lacking in Thoroughbred Stock. It is better to buy a setting of eggs from a yard in which all of the birds are of excellent quality rather from a yard in which one or two of the birds are of phenomenal merit. Get eggs this spring to raise prize winners for next winters shows. Price of eggs: \$2.00 for 15; \$3.00 for 30; \$4.50 for 50; \$8.00 for 100.

Read What Others Think Of My Stock and Eggs

Dear Sir:

Reno, Pa., Dec. 28, 14.

The cockerel I got of you was perfectly satisfactory and made a fine, large bird. I want to get another. My pullets that hatched in May are laying with the thermometer 10 to 15 degrees below zero. Please let me know if you have a good cock for sale.

Yours truly, J. W. McCrea.

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Dear Sir:

North Stonington, Conn., April 27, 14.

I had a setting of 15 Ringlet Barred Rock eggs of you last spring, they hatched remarkably well I got 11 nice chicks but the hawks got all but one of them and it is the finest cockerel in town. I would not take \$5.00 for him.

Very truly yours, Chas. E. Chipman.

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Dear Sir:

Baldwin, Fla., July 21, 14.

The 6 pullets and one cockerel were received on the 16th in perfect condition, two of them layed the next day so far three are laying. They are beauties and I am well pleased.

Respectfully, Mrs. J. A. Clark.

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Dear Sir:

Mila, Va., April 10, 14.

I want two settings of your Ringlet Barred Rock eggs. If you remember I bought eggs from you last spring and was wonderfully pleased with my birds, they are excellent layers.

Yours truly, S. S. Russell.

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Dear Sir:

Mila, Va., Dec. 15, 13.

We hatched 28 chickens from the 30 Ringlet Rock eggs sent me this spring. I raised 22—13 pullets and 9 cockerels. They are nicely marked and are large pretty birds. The cockerels are especially pretty. My dealings with you have been perfectly satisfactory. I intended writing you how well pleased I was with the hatth.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. S. S. Russell;

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Dear Sir:

Easton, Md., March 30, 14.

Last year I sent to you for two settings of Ringlet Barred Rock eggs from which we hatched and reared thirteen pullets and five cockerels, more than this number hatched but we lost several. We are greatly pleased with them, they were finely marked and were admired by a great many persons.

Yours very truly, I. Price Mullikin.

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Dear Sir:

Dover, Del., Dec. 12, 14.

I was well pleased with the 6 Ringlet Barred Rock cockerels I bought of you last January. My young birds from the cockerels are fine and I am well pleased. Will probably want eggs in spring.

Respectfully, Mrs. W. H. Marvel.



The above photograph is of the wonderful Maryland Twin Corn.
See description and record.

FARMS FOR SALE

A valuable Farm for sale of 196 acres; 125 in cleared land, in good state of cultivation; 46 acres in meadow. This is a fine farm; can be used for a truck or dairy farm. A good roomy dwelling, built out of the very best of material; good stock and hay barn, and other outbuildings; good fruit; good water; convenient to railroad station and steamboat landing. This farm will be sold cheap. The reason for selling, the owner is too old to work farm of this size.

Either large or small farms for sale; no better farming country in the world. In a mild, healthful climate, especially adapted to all kinds of small fruits and all kinds of stock; fine for wheat, corn, grain and dairying; railroad and steamboat transportation from every point on the Peninsula.